

March 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2010

## Academic Focus

- ② Our **preschool/younger learners** will be focusing on a review of the phonetic letter sounds this week. We will focus on pairing objects/pictures with letter symbols and proper pronunciation, with careful focus on consonant and short vowel sounds. Students will also focus on the “simple strokes” to correct letter formation, being mindful of the proper pencil position, posture, and the very important helper-hand. Practicing and developing all of these will lead your young writer to successful penmanship!



- ② Our **older learners** will be focusing on reading, writing, and the proper use of ‘sight’ words in sentences. Learning to recognize sight words at an early age is critical for early reading success. The transition from sounding out level-appropriate short and long vowel words to being able from memory to read sight words can be a tricky one. Using context in short sentences and other peripheral information such as pictures or punctuation can be helpful in recognizing and reading the correct sight word. Our sight word journals are a great way to get the students excited about reading!



